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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

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White's Chocolate-houſe, July 21.

IT has been often aſſerted in theſe Papers, That the great Source of our wrong Purſuits is the impertinent Manner with which we treat Women, both in the common and important Circumſtances of Life. In vain do we ſay, the whole Sex would run into *England*, while the Privileges which are allowed them, do no way ballance the Inconveniencies ariſing from thoſe very Immunities. Our Women have very much indulged to them in the Participation of our Fortunes and our Liberty; but the Errors they commit in the Uſe of either, are by no means ſo impartially conſidered, as the falſe Steps which are made by Men. In the Commerce of Lovers, the Man makes the Addreſs, aſſails, and betrays, and yet ſtands in the ſame Degree of Acceptance as he was in before he committed that Treachery: The Woman, for no other Crime but believing one whom ſhe thought loved her, is treated with Shineſs and Indifference at the beſt, and commonly with Reproach and Scorn. He that is paſt the Power of Beauty, may talk of this Matter with the ſame Unconcern as of any other Subject: Therefore I ſhall take upon me to conſider the Sex, as they live within Rules, and as they tranſgreſs them. The ordinary Claſs of the Good or the Ill have very little Influence upon the Actions of others; but the Eminent in either Kind are thoſe who lead the World below them. The Ill are employed in communicating Scandal, Infamy, and Diſeaſe, like Furies; the Good diſtribute Benevolence, Friendſhip, and Health, like Angels. The Ill are damped with Pain and Anguiſh at the Sight of all that is laudable, lovely, or happy. The Virtuous are touched with Commiſeration toward the Guilty, the Diſagreeable, and the Wretched. There are thoſe who betray the Innocent of their own Sex, and ſollicit the Lewd of outs. There are thoſe who have abandoned the very Memory, not only of Innocence, but Shame. There are thoſe who never forgave, nor could ever bear being forgiven. There are alſo who viſit the Beds of the Sick, lull the Cares of the Sorrowful, and double the Joys of the Joyful. Such is the deſtroying Fiend, ſuch the Guardian Angel, Woman.

The Way to have a greater Number of the amiable Part of Womankind, and leſſen the Crowd of the other Sort, is to contribute what we can to the Succeſs of well-grounded Paſſions; and therefore I comply with the Requeſt of an enamoured Man in inſerting the following Billet:

MADAM,

'MR. *Bickerſtaff* you always read, tho' me you will never hear. I am obliged therefore to his Compaſſion for the Opportunity of imploring yours— I ſigh for the moſt Accompliſhed of her Sex. That is ſo juſt a Diſtinction of her to whom I write, that the owning I think ſo is no Diſtinction of me who write. Your good Qualities are peculiar to you, my Admiration in common with Thouſands. I ſhall be preſent when you read this, but fear every Woman will take it for her Character, ſooner than ſhe who deſerves it.'

If the next Letter which preſents it ſelf ſhould come from the Miſtreſs of this modeſt Lover, and I make them break through the Oppreſſion of their Paſſions, I ſhall expect Gloves at their Nuptials.

Mr. *Bickerſtaff*,

'YOU that are a Philoſopher know very well the Make of the Mind of Woman, and can beſt inſtruct me in the Conduct of an Affair which highly concerns me. I never can admit my Lover to ſpeak to me of Love, yet think him impertinent when he offers to talk of any Thing elſe. What ſhall I do with a Man that always believes me? 'Tis a ſtrange Thing, this Diſtance in Men of Senſe; Why do not they always urge their Fate? If we are ſincere in our Severity, you loſe nothing by attempting. If we are Hypocrites, you certainly ſucceed.'

From my own Apartment, July 21.

Before I withdraw from Buſineſs for the Night, it is my Cuſtom to receive all Addreſſes to me, that others may go to Reſt as well as my ſelf, at leaſt as far as I can contribute to it. When I called to know if any would ſpeak with me, I was informed that Mr. *Milli* the Player deſired to be admitted. He was ſo, and with much Modeſty acquainted me, as he did other People of Note, that *Hamlet* was to be acted on *Wedneſday* next for his Benefit. I had long wanted to ſpeak with this Perſon, becauſe I thought I could admoniſh him of many Things which would tend to his Improvement. In the General I obſerved to him, That tho' Action was his Buſineſs, the Way to that

Action was not to ſtudy Geſture, for the Behaviour would follow the Sentiments of the Mind.

Action, to the Player, is what Speech is to an Orator. If the Matter be well conceived, Words will flow with Eaſe: And if the Actor is well poſſeſſed of the Nature of his Part, a proper Action will neceſſarily follow. He informed me, That *Wilks* was to act *Hamlet*. I deſired him, to requeſt of him in my Name, That he would wholly forget Mr. *Betterton*; for that he failed in no Part of *Othello*, but where he had him in View. An Actor's forming himſelf by the Carriage of another, is like the Trick among the Widows, who lament their Husbands as their Neighbours did theirs, and not according to their own Sentiments of the Deceaſed.

There is a Fault alſo in the Audience which interrupts their Satisfaction very much, that is, the figuring to themſelves the Actor in ſome Part wherein they formerly particularly liked him, and not attending to the Part he is at that Time performing. Thus, whatever *Wilks*, (who is the ſtricteſt Follower of Nature) is acting, the vulgar Spectators turn their Thoughts upon Sir *Harry Wildair*. When I had indulged the Loquacity of an old Man for ſome Time in ſuch looſe Hints, I took my Leave of Mr. *Mills*, and was told, Mr. *Elliot* of St. *James's* Coffee-houſe would ſpeak with me. His Buſineſs was to deſire I would, as I am an Aſtrologer, let him know before-hand who were to have the Benefit Tickets in the enſuing Lottery; which Knowledge he was of Opinion he could turn to great Account, as he was concerned in News.

I granted his Requeſt, upon an Oath of Secrecy, That he would only make his own Uſe of it, and not let it be publickly known till after they were drawn. I had not done ſpeaking, when he produced to me a Plan which he had formed of keeping Books, with the Names of all ſuch Adventurers, and the Numbers of their Tickets, as ſhould come to him, in order to give an Hourly Account of what Tickets ſhall come up during the whole Time of the Lottery, the Drawing of which is to begin on *Wedneſday* next. I liked his Method of diſguiſing the Secret I had told him, and pronounced him a thriving Man who could ſo well watch the Motion of Things, and profit by a prevailing Humour and Impatience ſo aptly, as to make his honeſt Induſtry agreeable to his Cuſtomers, as it is to be the Meſſenger of their good Fortune.

ADVERTISEMENT.

From the *Trumpet* in *Sheer-Lane*, *July* 20.

Ordered, That for the Improvement of the Pleaſures of Society, a Member of this Houſe, one of the moſt wakeful of the Soporifick Aſſembly beyond Smithfield-Bars, *and one of the Order of Story-Tellers in* Holborn, *may meet and exchange State Matter, and report the ſame to their Principals.*

N. B. *No Man is to tell above one Story in the ſame Evening; but has Liberty to tell the ſame the Night following.*

Mr. Bickerſtaff *deſires his Love-Correſpondents to vary the Names they ſhall aſſume in their future Letters, for that he is overſtock'd with* Philanders.

Advertiſements.

*** **This Day is publiſh'd, A General Title, Dedication, and Index, to the Firſt Volume of Tatlers in Folio.** Sold by John Morphew near Stationers-Hall. Price 3 d.

MOrning Gowns for Men and Women, of Silk, Stuffs, and Callicoe's (being the Goods of Perſons that failed) which were to be diſpoſed of at the Olive-Tree and Still, are now to be ſold at the Golden Sugar-Loaf up one Pair of Stairs, over-againſt the Horſe at Charing-Croſs; with a freſh Parcel at very low Rates, the Price being ſet on each Gown.

A Conſort of MUSICK will be performed in the Great Room at Hampſtead, this preſent Saturday, being the 22d Inſtant, at the Deſire of ſeveral Gentlemen and Ladies living in and near Hampſtead, by the beſt Maſters. Several of the Opera Songs will be performed by a Girl of 9 Years old, a Scholar of Mr. Tenoe's, who never performed in Publick but once at York-Buildings with very good Succeſs. Beginning exactly at Five, for the Conveniency of Gentlemen's returning. Tickets to be had only at the Wells, at 2 s. 6 d. each. For the Benefit of Mr. Tenoe.

FRancis Burton, Milliner, is removed from the New Exchange in the Strand to the Three Stags Heads in Bedford-ſtreet, in Covent-Garden.

*** On Friday next will be publiſh'd for the Month of July, Bibliotheca Anatomica, Medica, Chirurgica, &c. containing a Deſcription of all the ſeveral Parts of the Body; each done by one or more eminent Phyſician or Chirurgeon, with their Diſeaſes and Cures. Illuſtrated with ſeveral Hundred Figures, done by the beſt Artiſts, and from the trueſt Deſigns. Publiſhed Monthly. Printed by John Nutt in the Savoy, and ſold by J. Morphew near Stationers-Hall. Where may be had the 8 preceding Months. Pr. 1 s. each. Note, Atlas Geographus for June will be publiſhed on Monday the 31ſt Inſtant.

*** Epiſtolarum Obſcurorum Virorum, ad D. M. Oruinum Gratium, Volumina duo; ex tam multis Libris conglutinata, quod unus Pinguis Cocus, per decem Annos, Oves, Boves, Sues, Grues, Paſſeres, Anſeres, &c. coquere, vel aliquis fumoſus calefactor centum magna Hypocauſta per viginti Annos ab eis calefacere poſſet. Acceſſerunt huic Editioni Epiſtola Magiſtri Benedicti Paſſavantii, ad D. Petrum Lyſerum; & La Complainte de Meſſire Pierre Lyſet, ſur le Treſpaſs de ſon Feunez. Impenſis Henrici Clements ad Inſigne Lunæ Falcatæ in Coemeterio Divi Pauli.

††† Juſt publiſhed, The Perjured Fanatick; or, The Malicious Conſpiracy of Sir John Croke, of Chilton, Bar. Juſtice of Peace, in Com. Bucks; Henry Larimore, Anabaptiſt Preacher; and other Fanaticks; againſt the Life of Robert Hawkins, M. A. now living, and late Miniſter of Chilton, occaſioned by his Suit for Tythes: Diſcovered in a Tryal at Aylesbury before the Rt. Hon. the Lord Chief Juſtice Hale, Anno 1668. Publiſhed by his Lordſhip's Command. Sold by J. Morphew near Stationers-hall, E. Curll at the Dial and Bible againſt St. Dunſtan's Church in Fleet-ſtreet. Price 1 s. ſmall Paper.

*** Juſt publiſhed, A Dialogue between Timothy and Philatheus, The 2d Volume. Containing a compleat Anſwer to the remaining Chapters of the Rights of the Chriſtian Church. In this Volume, the Doctrine of Paſſive Obedience and Non-Reſiſtance is impartially ſtated, and prov'd from Reaſon, Antiquity, and Scripture; the Revolution juſtified and reconciled with that Principle; the Republican Scheme Hiſtorically traced from its Original, and throughly examin'd and confuted; the Rights Account of Epiſcopacy, of Univerſity-Learning, of the Toleration, of Parties, of Morality, Occaſional Conformity, Ordination, with all his other material Objections to the Civil and Eccleſiaſtical Conſtitution, are fairly ſtated and reply'd to. Printed for Bernard Lintott between the Two Temple-gates, Fleet-ſtreet.

*** Juſt publiſhed, being a larger Scale than any Extant, A Map of North America, from the lateſt Obſervations and Improvements, communicated to the Royal Society at London and Paris, on Two Sheets of Imperial Paper, by C. Price, J. Senex, and J. Maxwell. Sold by T. Brandreth and G. Weildey at the Archimedes and Globe in Ludgate-ſtreet; where may be had the Ten before publiſhed. Alſo new Globes of Sixteen, Twelve, and 3 Inches Diameter. The Celeſtial hath Nineteen new Conſtellations, and the Geography of the Terreſtrial rectified, from correct Obſervations, making the Eaſtern Part of Aſia above a Thouſand Miles different (and other Places in Proportion) from what they are placed on in Moxon and other old Globes. There is alſo made and ſold Teleſcopes, Microſcopes, Spectacles, and all Sorts of Mathematical Inſtruments, Variety of other Curioſities, and Toys in Gold, Silver, Steel, Braſs, Ivory, &c.

NOtice is hereby given, That Mrs. Ogle's Catalogue of Goods will be drawn the 27th Inſtant at the Marker-houſe in Bloomsbury. There being now but a very few Tickets to deliver out, all Perſons are deſired to take them at Mrs. Ogle's, in Queen-ſtreet againſt Mountague-houſe; where the Goods may be ſeen; Or at Mr. Sedgwick's, in the Strand, Hair-Cutter; or at the Widow Smith's, over-againſt St. Clement's Church: Where may be had Tickets for the Threepenny Sale.

NOtice is hereby given, That the Sale of Goods that the Tickets were delivered out or in Half-Moon-Court near Ludgate, will be drawn on Monday the 24th Inſtant, at the White-Swan, a Paſtry-Cook's, in Gracechurch-ſtreet, beginning at 7 a Clock in the Morning, and the Goods will be delivered out the next Day at the ſame Place. There are ſtill ſome few Tickets to be diſpoſed of.

A Sale of Plate and Goods to be diſpoſed of by Way of Lot, at Mrs. Love's in Red-Lion-ſtreet, next Door to the Crown near Holborn, Milliner, being almoſt full, is to be drawn the 31ſt Inſtant, at Mr. Smith's, Carpenter, in Glocester-ſtreet near Red-Lion-Square.

THIS is to give Notice, That the Sale of Goods at Mr. Bevans, Undertaker in Bloomsbury Market, will be drawn on Tueſday the Eighth of Auguſt next. There are ſtill a few Tickets to be diſpoſed of at the Place aforeſaid, and at Mr. Robert Ball's, Linen-Draper, at the Black Lion in Drury-Lane.